## Wisconsin

### A. STATE-AT-A-GLANCE

1)	Program Operation	County
2)	Number of Local Offices (excluding Agencies under Cooperative Agreements)	72
3)	Type of Agencies with Cooperative Agreements	Corporation Counsels or support enforcement attorneys, Family Court Commissioners, Clerks of Court, sheriffs
4)	Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Yes
5)	Agreements With Tribal Entities	No
6)	Age of Majority for Termination of Support	18 and graduation from high school, or 19 years of age, whichever is sooner
7)	Statutes of Limitation:	
	• Collection of Past Due Support	20 years after majority
	• Paternity Establishment	19 years
	Dormancy Revival/Renewal Possible [yes/no]	No
8)	Guidelines	Percentage Standard
9)	Interest Rates on	
	Missed Payments	1.5% per month commencing on the first day of second month after due
	Retroactive Support	No

	Adjudicated Arrearage	1.5%
10)	Arrearage Collections for Non- minor Child(ren)	Yes - Any enforcement tool available for a minor except federal tax intercept
11)	Distribution Scheme	First to current
	AFDC Arrears	Third to AFDC arrears
	• Non-AFDC Arrears	Second to non-AFDC arrears
12)	Procedures Regarding Medical Support Using Income Withholding	Yes - Provided it is health insurance or a fixed amount. The premium, or amount to be withheld, would be included in the IW notice or order.
13)	New Hire Reporting	No
14)	Recovery of Costs Elected Under State Plan	No
15)	Recovery of Costs for Initiating State	Yes - Blood tests, birth costs
16)	Long-Arm Statute/s Citation/s	Yes - s. 769.201, Wis. Stats. (UIFSA)
17)	Automated Locate Resources	Division of Motor Vehicles; Department of Justice; Social Security Administration; Division of Vital Statistics; IRS; state IV-E agency; state IV-A agency; state Medicaid; postal offices
18)	Enforcement Options	
	• State Income Tax Refund Intercept	Yes
	• License Revocation/ Suspension	No
	Administrative Liens	No
	Property Seizure & Sale	Yes

	• State Funds/Benefits (please specify)	Worker's compensation, unemployment compensation
	• Other (please specify)	Lottery proceeds, account transfers for self employed payers
19)	Spousal Maintenance Orders (specify yes or no)	
	• Establish	No
	• Enforce	Yes, If spouse resides with children and IV-D is enforcing child support.
	• Modify	No
20)	Current Spouse/Partner Information Required	No

### B. UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

1)	State Code Citation	Chapter 769 Wis. Stats.
2)	Effective Date	4/30/1994
3)	Adopted Verbatim? If no, list differences.	Yes
4)	Repeal URESA?	Yes
5)	Repeal IWW?	No

### C. INCOME WITHHOLDING

1)	Income Withholding Terminology	Income withholding

2)	<b>Income Withholding Procedures</b>	
	• State Withholding Limits	50/55%, 60/65% of disposable income per the consumer credit protection code
	• Fee Charged by Employers	Actual costs up to \$3.00 (per withholding)
	Date to Remit	Within 5 days
	• Penalty	Contempt of court, forfeiture
3)	Definition of Employer	Person from whom payer receives or will receive money
4)	Included Income	Any money due payer
5)	Excluded Income	Public assistance benefits, VA disability benefits
6)	Direct Income Withholding for Unemployment Compensation, include address	Yes Unemployment Insurance Division PO Box 7905 Madison, WI 53707
7)	Direct Income for Workers' Compensation, include address	Insurance company providing compensation
8)	Direct Income Withholding, other income sources subject to, include address	Bank accounts, Lottery
9)	Direct Income Withholding, list Other Income Sources NOT subject to	SSI, AFDC, state pension benefits
10)	Federal Withholding (See Federal Pay Agents Section)	IV-D Directors need not answer this question.
11)	Procedures for Contesting Income Withholding	Request a hearing before the court of Family Court Commissioner
12)	Arrearages through Income Withholding	Yes - Up to 50% of order
13)	Enforcing Against Non-Resident	Yes

	Obligor Asset/Income	
14)	Exception to Immediate Withholding	Yes - Court may find irreparable harm to payer
15)	Multiple Obligations Withholding Priorities	
	• Policy	Allocate among orders with priority to current support
	• Priority	Income withholding for child support has first priority
	• Assistance	Bureau of Child Support, Cathleen Cotter
	• Allocation	No. Employer must obey other states orders. Employee can request adjustments of orders from other states.

### **D. PATERNITY**

1)	<b>Interstate Paternity Procedures</b>	Same as for in state
	<b>Consent Orders Obtained</b>	Parties can stipulate at any time without going to court
2)	Uniform Parentage Act	Incorporated parts
3)	<b>Uniform Act on Blood Testing</b>	No
4)	Parentage Order Available Without Order for Support	Yes - When parties residing together
5)	Custody/Visitation Addressed Subject to Tribunal's Jurisdiction	If parties stipulate, or court orders. If contested, child support agencies do not participate in these issues.
6)	Genetic Test Results as Presumption of Paternity	Yes, rebuttable
	Threshold	99% probability

7)	Paternity Acknowledgment as Presumption of Paternity (Rebuttable/Conclusive)	Rebuttable
8)	Marriage as Presumption of Paternity	Yes - Through appointment of a GAL for the child and blood tests that exclude the husband
9)	Putative Father's Name on Birth Certificate, Effect of	Presumptive parentage
10)	Other Statutory Presumptions	Legitimation (marriage after birth of the child)
11)	Recognition of Common Law Marriage	No
12)	Personal Appearance of Witness or Custodial Parent Required	If the case goes to jury trial, we would require the mother's presence.
	Acceptable Methods of Testimony	Depositions, interrogatories and electronic testimony is acceptable
13)	Long-Arm Statute	s. 769.201, Wis. Stats. (UIFSA)
14)	Assistance to Other States Using Their Long-Arm Statutes	
	• Service of Process	County Sheriff
	• Genetic Testing	No, County Child Support Agency
15)	Recovery of Genetic Testing Costs for Other States	Yes

### E. SUPPORT ORDER ESTABLISHMENT

1)	Interstate Procedures	We use quasi judicial (Family Court Commissioners) and judicial. Procedures depend on the county.
2)	Income Considered for Setting Support	All income except public benefits or child support received for a child

3)	Criteria for Rebuttal	Unfair to one or all parties
4) 5	Support Order for Prior Periods	Birth of the child

#### F. ENFORCEMENT

(Note: If multiple orders, see Part "G")

#### I. ENFORCING YOUR OWN ORDER

1)	Enforcement for Non-Resident Family	Same as if they lived here
2)	Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available	None
3)	Judicial Procedures and Remedies Available with Registration	Quasi judicial and judicial. Depends on county

#### II. ENFORCING OTHER STATES' ORDERS

4)	Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available Without Registration	Direct Income Withholding
5)	Judicial/Administrative Remedies with Registration	All remedies are available as are available for resident
6)	UIFSA/URESA Registration and Enforcement Procedure	Per statutory procedures described in UIFSA
7)	Judicial Procedures Required after Registration	None
8)	Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act Citation	Yes - Chapter 806, Wis. Stats.

### G. MODIFICATION/REVIEW & ADJUSTMENT OF ORDERS

1)	Jurisdiction Requirements	UIFSA CEJ
2)	<b>Modification Procedures</b>	UIFSA, s. 769.303, s. 769.611, s. 769.611 (b) (4)
3)	Criteria for Modification	Conformance to guidelines
4)	Criteria for Change of Circumstances	* the earnings of the obligor have substantially increased or decreased; * the needs of a party of the child(ren) have substantially increased or decreased; * the child(ren) have extraordinary medical expenses not covered by insurance; * there has been a substantial change in child care expenses; * passage of 33 months; * receipt of AFDC by either parent; * lack of conformance to guidelines without deviation reasons; or * judicial decision.
5)	Frequency With Which Reviews are Conducted	33 months - request - substantial change
6)	Criteria for Review	Request or order 33 months old
7)	Criteria for Adjustment	10% and at least \$40 difference monthly

### H. MULTIPLE ORDERS

#### ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION

1)	Controlling Order	Per UIFSA
2)	Date of Controlling Order	Date of order
3)	If No Controlling Order	If WI has jurisdiction, we would enter a new order; if WI does not have jurisdiction, we would recognize the most recent
4)	Arrears Procedure	

# I. Documentation Required to Initiate Requests

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copie s of each document	Certification required for each document  *See below
Establishment of Paternity and Support	CSET Form and Acknowledgment, URESA or UIFSA Laws Uniform Support Petition General Testimony Paternity affidavit	3	A, B or C
Enforcement of Responding State's Order	CSET Form and acknowledgment	3	Е
Modification of Responding States' Orders	CSET Form and acknowledgment URESA or UIFSA Laws	3	A, B or
Administrative Enforcement of Another States' Order	N/A		
Registration for Enforcement of Another States' Order	CSET Form and acknowledgment  URESA or UIFSA Laws  Original order and all modifications Payment History, month by month	3	A, B or C
Collection of Arrearages in Multiple Orders	CSET Form and acknowledgment  URESA or UIFSA Laws  Original Order and all modifications Payment History, month by month	3	A, B or C
Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act	N/A		
Modification of Another State's Order	CSET Form and acknowledgment URESA or UIFSA Laws Original Order and all modifications	3	A, B or C

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copie s of each docu- ment	Certification required for each document *See below
	Payment History and all modifications		
Status Update on an Existing Interstate Case	Send initial request to the Wisconsin county working your case.  If county does not respond after two or three attempts contact the Wisconsin Central Registry. Should provide.  -Absent parent name  -Custodial parent name  -Name of the Wisconsin county working the case  -SSN of AP and CP  -Address of absent parent  -Child(s) name	Е	Е
Assistance/Discovery	Depends on the action requested.		
Quick Locate	Prefer FSA 206, Locate Data Sheet with "QUICK LOCATE" noted at the top of the request. However, a form is not required.	1	Е

 $<sup>*</sup>A = Notarization \ by \ Notary \ Public; \ B = Certification \ by \ signature \ of \ agency \ official;$ 

C= Certification by signature of court official; D= Others (please specify);

**E**= Certification not required

### J. State Contact Chart

ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CONTACT
	Name, Title, Address, Phone, Fax, E-mail (include 800 if applicable)
State Information Agent	Bonnie Thompson, Interstate Specialist
	Wisconsin State Bureau of Child Support
	PO Box 7935, Room 382
	Madison, WI 53707-7935
	Phone (608) 267-0924
	FAX (608) 267-2824
Central Registry	Bonnie Thompson, Interstate Specialist
	Wisconsin State Bureau of Child Support
	PO Box 7935, Room 382
	Madison, WI 53707-7935
	Phone (608) 267-0924
	FAX (608) 267-2824
Interstate Policy Contact (if different)	Lee Stallworth, Policy and Planning
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	PO Box 7935, Room 382
	Madison, WI 53707-7935
	Phone (608) 266-9665
	FAX (608) 267-2824
Contact for Information Regarding Your States Long Arm Statute and Process	Barbara Snyder
	Wisconsin State Bureau of Child Support
	PO Box 7935, Room 382
	Madison, WI 53707-7935
	Phone (608) 266-2527

	FAX (608) 267-2824
Contact for Information Regarding Collection and Distribution (State level)	Ron Gollonik Wisconsin State Bureau of Child Support PO Box 7935, Room 382 Madison, WI 53707-7935 Phone (608) 266-9334 FAX (608) 267-2824
Contact to Obtain Payment Records	Clerk of Court in the county maintaining the payment record.
Contact to Obtain Copy of Order	Clerk of Court in the county that issued the order.
Contact for States Using Their Long Arm Statutes or Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (no "case" in your State) for	Bonnie Thompson, Interstate Specialist Wisconsin State Bureau of Child Support PO Box 7935, Room 382 Madison, WI 53707-7935 Phone (608) 267-0924 FAX (608) 267-2824
Service of Process  (private process server? If so , list)	County Sheriff
Genetic Testing  ( e.g. assistance with interstate teleconferencing)	County Child Support Agency
New Hire Reporting Contact	N/A
Employer Assistance Contact	Cathleen Cotter  Wisconsin State Bureau of Child Support  PO Box 7935, Room 382  Madison, WI 53707-7935

	Phone (608) 266-1063
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Status</i> Requests  (if any)	N/A
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Payment</i> Requests (if any)	1-800-991-5530
Privatization Contact	N/A